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ACTIONS OF A SPECIAL NATURE**

Hot Springs Wastewater System Preliminary Engineering Report
March 2022
Town of Hot Springs
PER – Administrative Action
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Sanders County

PURPOSE AND NEED

The Town of Hot Springs (Town) completed their last Wastewater System Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) in 2014. Improvements recommended in the PER have been completed and the 2014 PER is out-of-date. The Town completed a Comprehensive Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) in 2021 that identified the need for a wastewater system PER as a top priority due to finding several potential wastewater system deficiencies. The PER will complete engineering analyses on the identified deficiencies in the CIP, explore alternatives, update project cost estimates, and recommended course of action.

Work began on the PER in March 2022 and will be completed in June 2022.

Explanation of the decision(s) that must be made regarding the proposed action (i.e. approve grant or loan and provide funding):

DNRC will approve the grant to provide funding for the Hot Springs Wastewater System Preliminary Engineering Report.

DNRC is not required to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for actions that qualify for a CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (ARM 36.17.614) or justified by a PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW; or are ACTIONS OF A SPECIAL NATURE (ARM 36.2.523(5)); or are EMERGENCIES (ARM 36.2.539). These actions are subject to review for EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES that would require an EA or an EIS.

ACTIONS OF SPECIAL NATURE (ARM 36.2.523)

☒ Administrative actions: routine, clerical or similar functions of a department, including but not limited to administrative procurement, contracts for consulting services, and personnel actions.

☐ Minor repairs, operations, or maintenance of existing equipment or facilities.

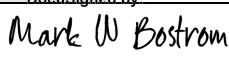
☐ Investigation and enforcement: data collection, inspection of facilities or enforcement of environmental standards.

☐ Ministerial actions: actions in which the agency exercises no discretion, but rather acts upon a given state of facts in a prescribed manner.

☐ Actions that are primarily social or economic in nature and that do not otherwise affect the human environment.

The project listed above meets the definition of Actions of a Special Nature, Categorical Exclusion or Programmatic Review including specified conditions and Extraordinary Circumstances.

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